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SUBJ: UN SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS WESTERN SAMOA'S ADMISSION TO UN

REF: (A) STATE 264309 (NOTAL; (B) USUN 4873 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY DEC 1 TO RECOMMEND TO UN GENERAL SSSEMBLY (UNGA) THAT WESTERN SAMOA BE ADMITTED TO UN MEMBERSHIP. UNGA ELECTION EXPECTED TAKE PLACE PRIOR UNGA ADJOURNMENT SCHEDULED FOR DEC 21. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MORNING DEC 1, UN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERED APPLICATION OF WESTERN SAMOA AND DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO UNSC ADOPTION OF FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

"HAVING EXAMINED THE APPLICATION OF WESTERN SAMOA FOR
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ADMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS (S/12245),

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"RECOMMENDS TO TE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WESTERN SAMOA BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS."

3. DURING PM, DEC 1, UNSC CONSIDERED ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT DRAFT RESOLUTION. SINCE VOTING WASUNANIMOUS IN MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, COSPONSORS WERE NOT LISTED ON DRAFT RESOLUTION. WHEN UNGA TAKES UP APPLICATION, HOWEVER, WE WILL BE LISTED AS COSPONSOR OF DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION. WE EXPLAINED THIS TO AMB VUNIBOBO OF FIJI (REF B) WHO HAD INVITED OUR COSPONSORSHIP OF WESTERN SAMOA'S CANDIDACY AND HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD.

4. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, ALL UNSC MEMBERS PLUS NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF WESTERN SAMOA'S ADMISSION. SOVIETS (FIRST DEPUTY PERMREP KHARLAMOV) USED OCCASION TO SANDWICH IN CRITICISM OF OUR VETO OF VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. CHINA (CHARGE AMB LAI YA-LI), IN STRESSING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH WESTERN SAMOA, EXPRESSED "FIRM OPPOSITION"TO "EXPANSIONISM OF SUPERPOWERS IN OCEANIA."

5. TEXT OF US STATEMENT (AMB SHERER) FOLLOWS:

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MY COUNTRY IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD A LONG AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA. WE HAVE WORKED WITH THEM THROUGH THE YEARS IN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF WESTERN SAMOA AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA WHO SHARE THE SAME CULTURE, LANGUAGE, AND HISTORY. I AM SURE THAT THROUGH ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS WESTERN SAMOA WILL MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING AND WILL BRING TO THIS ORGANIZATION THE UNIQUE PERCEPTION OF
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THE PEOPLES OF THE PACIFIC.

WE WILL BE PLEASED, THEREFORE, TO WELCOME WESTERN SAMOA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING HERE THE CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ENX TEXT.
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